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Admitted: New York (89),
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Professional Organizations:

American Bar Association
New York State Bar Association
Nassau County Bar Association
American Bankruptcy Institute

General Professional Experience:

Mr. Spelfogel is a partner in the Business Group and head of Baker & Hostetler's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights practice in New York City. Prior to joining Baker & Hostetler, Mr. Spelfogel was a partner in the national bankruptcy and creditors' rights group of Nixon Peabody LLP, where he established the bankruptcy department in its Garden City, New York office. Mr. Spelfogel was also a senior trial attorney with the United States Department of Justice, Office of United States Trustee, where he oversaw some of the largest Chapter 11 cases in New York. This was an appointment with distinction under the prestigious United States Attorney General's Honors Program earned following his graduation from law school.

Bankruptcy Experience

Mr. Spelfogel spent seven years as trial attorney with United States Department of Justice, Office of United States Trustee. While with the United States Trustee's Office, Mr. Spelfogel oversaw hundreds of reorganizations, conducted numerous trials and addressed congressional and public inquiries. Mr. Spelfogel was also responsible for assisting in oversight of the panel trustee program.

Based upon experience, Mr. Spelfogel was named one of the top ten unsecured creditor lawyers in the nation by *Bankruptcy Insider*, a prominent industry publication. In private practice, Mr. Spelfogel represents regional and national corporations, venture funds, lenders, landlords, trustees, debtors, creditors, and creditors' committee in financial restructurings, workouts, and business reorganizations both out-of-court and through Chapter 11. Mr. Spelfogel also represents parties in commercial litigation and secured transactions, including FORTUNE 100 companies in various roles in bankruptcy proceedings and bankruptcy-related litigation. He served as counsel of record in over two dozen reported decisions and represented various parties in connection with reorganizations in the healthcare, manufacturing, telecommunications, and technology sectors, amongst others.

Mediation Training/Experience

Mr. Spelfogel is a Certified Mediator, appointed to the mediation panels for Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. Mr. Spelfogel completed Advanced Negotiation and Mediation Skills Training by Abrams Mediation and Negotiation, sponsored jointly by EDNY and SDNY Bankruptcy Courts and has been involved in numerous mediations.

Areas of Expertise

Bankruptcy, Workouts and Creditors' Rights, Commercial Litigation, Article 9 Secured Transactions, Mergers & Acquisitions, Finance, Appellate, and International Law. Mr. Spelfogel lectures before bar associations and trade organizations including the New York State Bar Association on Bankruptcy Law and National Business Institute on Bankruptcy Law and Article 9 Secured Transactions and taught bankruptcy law course at Hofstra University and Lehman College, City University of New York.

Fee Structure

Mr. Spelfogel's current hourly rate is \$525 per hour. Current hourly rates at Baker & Hostetler range from \$225-\$350 per hour for associates and \$375-\$700 per hour for partners.